

Legal Notice: Opportunity to Object
Invasive Plant Management for the Medicine Bow - Routt National Forests
and Thunder Basin National Grassland

USDA Forest Service

Medicine Bow-Routt National Forests
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Garfield, Grand, Jackson, Moffat, Rio Blanco,
and Routt Counties, Colorado

Albany, Campbell, Carbon, Converse, Natrona,
and Platte Counties, Wyoming

The Medicine Bow-Routt National Forests and Thunder Basin National Grassland have released the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) and *draft* Record of Decision (*draft* ROD) for invasive plant management on the Medicine Bow and Routt National Forests and Thunder Basin National Grassland. The *draft* ROD indicates selection of Alternative 2, the preferred alternative. Alternative 2 would treat several thousands of acres of invasive plants annually using a combination of manual, mechanical, and biological treatments and aerial and ground herbicide applications. The proposed treatments would occur over the next 15 years and would utilize adaptive and integrated invasive plant treatment. Forest Supervisor Dennis Jaeger is the responsible official for this project.

Project information, the FEIS, and the *draft* ROD are available on the forest website at: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=19692

This project is subject to the Forest Service pre-decisional objection regulation at 36 CFR 218, Subpart B. The objection filing period will end 45 days following the publication date of **this** legal notice in the Laramie Boomerang, the newspaper of record. This legal notice is the exclusive means for calculating the time to file an objection. Those wishing to file an objection should not rely on dates or timeframe information provided by any other source.

Written objections may be submitted to: USDA Forest Service, Region 2, Objection Reviewing Officer, ATTN: Objection Coordinator, 740 Simms St., Golden, CO 80401. Objections may be hand-delivered between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. on Federal business days. Objections may be faxed to 303-275-5134, or may be submitted in electronic form to: r02admin_review@fs.fed.us (the second and third characters are zero-two). The subject line should contain the name of the project. An automated response will normally confirm electronic receipt of an objection. However, if a person filing an objection does not receive such a response it is their responsibility to ensure their objection is received in a timely manner. Electronic objections must be readable in MS Word, Rich Text Format (rtf), or pdf format.

Written objections will be accepted only from those who previously submitted specific written comments on the proposal during scoping or other designated public comment opportunities. Issues raised in any objection must be based on those previously submitted timely specific written comments on the proposal, unless based on new information arising after designated comment opportunities. Any objection must meet the following minimum content requirements (36 CFR 218.8): 1) name and

address of objector (36 CFR 218.2), with telephone number if available; 2) signature or other verification of authorship upon request (a scanned signature for electronic email may be filed with the objection); 3) when multiple names are listed on an objection, identification of the lead objector (36 CFR 218.2); 4) the name of the proposed project, name and title of the responsible official, and the name(s) of the national forest(s) and/or ranger district(s) on which the proposed project will be implemented; 5) a description of aspects of the proposal addressed by the objection, including specific issues related to the proposal; how the objector believes the analysis and draft decision violate law, regulation or policy, if applicable; suggested remedies that would resolve the objection; supporting reasons for the reviewing officer to consider; and, 6) a statement demonstrating the connection between prior specific written comments on the proposal and the content of the objection (unless the objection concerns an issue that arose after the designated opportunities for comment).

Any objection, including attachments, must be filed within 45 days of the date this notice is published in the Laramie Boomerang. It is the objector's responsibility to ensure timely filing with the reviewing officer. Timeliness will be determined by the following factors: 1) the date of the US Postal Service postmark for an objection received before the close of the fifth business day after the objection filing period; 2) the agency's electronically generated posted date and time for email and facsimiles; 3) the shipping date for delivery by private carrier for an objection received before the close of the fifth business day after the objection filing period; or, 4) the official agency date stamp showing receipt of hand delivery.

For more information on this project, or to obtain a copy of the FEIS and *draft* ROD, contact team leader Misty Hays at (307) 358-7102.